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## **NEWS RELEASE**

Patrick L. Meehan, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, today announced the filing of an information¹ charging John Renzi with conspiracy to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine. The information alleges that from January 2004 to September 18, 2006, John Renzi agreed to acquire pound and multiple pound quantities of methamphetamine, from Rogelio Ortega, charged elsewhere, who was the head of the Ortega Drug Trafficking Organization ("Ortega DTO") based in Toughkenamon, Pennsylvania, for distribution and sale in southern Chester County, Pennsylvania, and elsewhere. It is further charged that during the conspiracy Rogelio Ortega delivered pound to multiple pound quantities of methamphetamine to Renzi at his West Grove, Pennsylvania residence on credit, with the agreement that Renzi would pay Ortega between \$11,000 to \$13,000 per pound supplied. The information alleges that Renzi received approximately 10 pounds of methamphetamine from the Ortega Drug Trafficking Organization. The information also seeks criminal forfeiture of drug proceeds and facilitating property.

If convicted of the offense charged, the defendant faces the following maximum penalties: life imprisonment, a mandatory minimum term of 10 years imprisonment, lifetime supervised release, at least 5 years supervised release, a fine of \$4,000,000 and a special assessment of \$100.

The case has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorneys Joseph T. Labrum, III and K.T. Newton.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

## INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
John Renzi	West Grove, Pennsylvania	age 66

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